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Mr. Neil E. Thompson  
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Re: September 2006 Monthly  
Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for September 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

September Activities

The closed facilities were inspected in September. The covers on the calcine cap and landfill facilities were inspected and are in good condition. The gates are closed and locked and the fences surrounding each facility are in good condition. Very little burrowing activity or erosion was noted on either the landfill or the cap covers in 2006. Shallow digging from predatory animals was noted at a few locations, none exceeding 6 to 8 inches in depth. The landfill sump indicated the presence of several feet of water in September. The landfill will be pumped dry in October.

The 10-acre pond was inspected in September. The gates to the pond are closed and locked and the fence is in good condition. The 10-acre pond currently contains approximately 10.5 inches of water, measured at the south end of the pond. Tronox is continuing to investigate methods to accelerate evaporation of the brine in anticipation of closing the 10-acre pond.

Results from the May 2006 sampling event were reviewed and the data appended to the RD/RA database following data validation. The May 2006 data validation report and updated RD/RA database was transmitted to you in mid-September.

Two fence alignments were staked to the south of the 10-acre pond, in anticipation of snow fence installation. The purpose of the snow fence is to reduce the potential accumulation of drifting snow into the 10-acre pond during the winter months. Drifting snow has led to a greater than expected increase in the overall pond volume where cumulative snow fall exceeds the annual average for Soda Springs.

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### October/November Activities

During the months of October and November, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap, landfill and the 10-acre pond. Evaporation pan data and precipitation collected for assessment of evaporation rates and salinity will be evaluated as part of the 10-acre pond closure effort. Tronox will measure the water level in the landfill sump in October and pump water from the sump to a nearby concrete holding basin to maintain a minimal head on the liner during the winter months.

Tronox intends to bid out the installation of the snow fence in October. Work will continue on the annual comprehensive report of ground and surface water quality during October for transmittal in November. The second round of ground and surface water sampling will also be completed in October. Receipt of the October sampling data is expected in November.

No community relation activities are planned for this period.

### Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,  
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